

FLAMING VESSEL WINS RACE WITH DEATH; 424 SAFE

One of Most Thrilling Episodes
of Pacific Coast.

Wireless "S. O. S." Brings Ships
to the Rescue.

SHIP BEACHED, TOTAL LOSS

Discover Fire in Hold; Makes
Dash for Coast.

Loss of \$1,250,000 Is Covered
by Insurance.

Marshfield, Ore., Sept. 15.—With every soul of her crew and passenger list safe, the Pacific Coast Steamship company's steamer Congress which caught fire at sea today on the winds near the entrance to Coos Bay a blazing wreck. Hope that any part of her can be saved was abandoned early today by Captain N. E. Cousins and Chief Engineer Mantland, after they had made an observation of the wreck from the shore. The story of the race with the fire demon and the saving of the lives of the 424 persons aboard is one of the most thrilling tales in the annals of the sea on the Pacific coast. While the vessel was thirty miles out at sea yesterday fire was discovered in the after hold. At first it was not regarded seriously but it spread with such amazing rapidity that Captain Cousins sent out a wireless call for help and turned his ship towards the beach.

Passengers Huddled on Bow.
The gasoline schooner Tillamook, the dredge Michie and half a dozen other vessels rushed to the rescue as the Congress raced with death towards the beach. As she neared the beach, observers could see her decks packed with humanity, huddled in the bow for safety, while long tongues of flame shot skyward from other parts of the vessel.

At 4:30, just an hour and a half after the flames were discovered, the ship dropped anchor and the Michie and Tillamook began transferring the passengers and crew. This was completed in less than three hours, without a single mishap of any kind. Captain Cousins was the last to leave his ship.

He said today that it had been impossible to learn the cause of the fire or locate exactly where it had started. There were 5,000 barrels of oil in the vessel's tanks but no other combustibles aboard. The loss will be \$1,250,000, amply covered by insurance.

British Ship Founders.
London, Sept. 15.—The captain and crew of the British steamer Congress have been landed here. They say the steamer foundered. One member of the crew is an American.

The Congress was a vessel of 3,176 tons. She sailed from Colon for Liverpool on August 27 on her way home from Vancouver via San Francisco. A London dispatch last night said the vessel had been sunk but did not explain the cause.

Liverpool Grain Market.
Liverpool, Sept. 15.—WHEAT—Spot No. 2, 44s; No. 3, 43s; No. 4, 42s; No. 5, 41s; No. 6, 40s; No. 7, 39s; No. 8, 38s; No. 9, 37s; No. 10, 36s; No. 11, 35s; No. 12, 34s; No. 13, 33s; No. 14, 32s; No. 15, 31s; No. 16, 30s; No. 17, 29s; No. 18, 28s; No. 19, 27s; No. 20, 26s; No. 21, 25s; No. 22, 24s; No. 23, 23s; No. 24, 22s; No. 25, 21s; No. 26, 20s; No. 27, 19s; No. 28, 18s; No. 29, 17s; No. 30, 16s; No. 31, 15s; No. 32, 14s; No. 33, 13s; No. 34, 12s; No. 35, 11s; No. 36, 10s; No. 37, 9s; No. 38, 8s; No. 39, 7s; No. 40, 6s; No. 41, 5s; No. 42, 4s; No. 43, 3s; No. 44, 2s; No. 45, 1s; No. 46, 0s; No. 47, 0s; No. 48, 0s; No. 49, 0s; No. 50, 0s; No. 51, 0s; No. 52, 0s; No. 53, 0s; No. 54, 0s; No. 55, 0s; No. 56, 0s; No. 57, 0s; No. 58, 0s; No. 59, 0s; No. 60, 0s; No. 61, 0s; No. 62, 0s; No. 63, 0s; No. 64, 0s; No. 65, 0s; No. 66, 0s; No. 67, 0s; No. 68, 0s; No. 69, 0s; No. 70, 0s; No. 71, 0s; No. 72, 0s; No. 73, 0s; No. 74, 0s; No. 75, 0s; No. 76, 0s; No. 77, 0s; No. 78, 0s; No. 79, 0s; No. 80, 0s; 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